

LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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19/08/2022

To: All Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend the meeting of **Laxton Parish Council** that will be held on **Wednesday 24 August 2022 at 7:00pm** to transact the business set out below. The meeting will take place at Laxton Victory Hall, Station Road, Laxton, DN14 7TW.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and may address the Council during the public participation section.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items below.
3. To receive and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 27 July, 2022 as a true and correct record
4. Public Participation - to temporarily suspend the meeting to receive questions from the public.
5. To agree to reopen the meeting following suspension
6. To receive an action update log from the Clerk
7. To receive an update from Ward Councillors
8. To receive an update from Parish Councillors
 - i. Public Right of Way Meeting – Councillor Goulden

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9. To discuss the following correspondence:
 - i. Humberside Police - Newsletter
 - ii. ERNLLCA - Civility and Respect Project.
 - iii. ERYC, Approval of Planning, Repairs and roof lift, Manor House, Station Road
 - iv. ERYC, increase in cost of street lighting
 - v. EY Community Transport, Goole Medibus
 - vi. ERYC, Climate Change Strategy Consultation
10. To agree to repaint the Beacon following the Jubilee Lighting
11. To receive an update on the allotments / Jubilee Gardens and agree any further actions required
12. To review the Parish Newsletter
13. To consider options for use of COVID recovery grant
14. To approve the schedule of accounts for payment
15. To agree any agenda items for the Parish Councill meeting on 28 September 2022

LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

7.00pm 27 July 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Goulden (Chair), Collins, Huntley, Sweeting, Watson and Yarrow.

Clerk: Alan Bravey. There were no members of public present.

The meeting was held at Laxton Victory Hall.

89/22 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – There were no declarations of interest.

90/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 22 June 2022 should be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

91/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were no members of the public present.

92/22 ACTION LOG UPDATE – Northern Powergrid had confirmed that they would relocate the electricity pole at Cotness Corner following harvest. There had been unprecedented demand for the ERYC speed surveys, and the request for a survey in Laxton could slip into next year's schemes. ERYC had advised that they would consider any proposal to replace the gardens at Church Close with an area for parking, but all affected residents would need to support the scheme, and the work would need to be carried out by an appropriate contractor and to normal highway standards. This information had been shared back to the residents who made the request and it was noted that this was unlikely to proceed due to the costs involved. The Public Rights of Way Meeting with East Riding of Yorkshire Council was to be held on the 18th August at 1.30pm. It was noted that the Parish Council was not able to act as the allotment committee because the tenancy agreement required allotment holders to be members.

93/22 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE – There were no Ward Councillor Updates.

94/22 PARISH COUNCILLOR UPDATE – In preparation for the meeting with the ERYC Public Rights of Way Team, Councillor Goulden had followed the footpath at Cotness Corner. The damage bridge had been removed, and although it was possible to continue around the river bank, there were signs indicating the right of way was closed due to a structural hazard, with no alternative routes signposted.

95/22 CORRESPONDENCE – Resolved – (a) that the following correspondence should be received by the Council:

- ERYC – Traveller Site Consultation
- Humberside Police – Newsletters
- HWRA – Benefits of Membership

- ERYC – Invite to Communities and Environment Event
- ERYC – Presentation for Development Control Annual Meeting
- ERYC – Infrastructure Survey
- The Ramblers – Cotness PROW
- ERNLLCA - Newsletter

(b) that Councillor Goulden would attend the ERYC event on the 29th September, and complete the Traveller survey on behalf of the Council.

96/22 JUBILEE CELEBRATION PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORY CARDS -

Resolved – i) That the Clerk would order two canvases and a commemorative album to be kept at the Bricklayer's Arms, ii) a further two canvases would be order for the Village Hall, subject to approval from the committee and iii) the Clerk and Councillor Watson would investigate options for the memory cards.

97/22 REPAINTING BEACON – Resolved – i) Councillor Yarrow would enquire whether the resident who had previously painted the beacon following the last lighting would be willing to do so again.

98/22 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – Volunteers had now spent almost 40 hours tidying the Jubilee Gardens area. A further 1-2 skips worth of materials had been gathered ready to clear, including 200 bricks and more weed suppressant. The land was uneven and needed to be levelled.

Resolved – i) the Clerk would arrange for 1-2 additional skips for the area and ii) Councillor Goulden would ask whether the local resident who levelled the bonfire site would be interested in carrying out the work.

99/22 GOOLE FIELDS WIND FARM APPLICATION – Resolved – That the Clerk would submit an application to the Goole Fields Wind Farm Quick Fix fund for two platinum jubilee styled benches, and one picnic table, for the Jubilee Gardens.

100/22 PARISH LOGO – Councillor Watson recommended creating a Parish Council logo to help better communicate messages from the Council. The meeting discussed a shield design with four quadrants and images of the Church, the delph, corn and an oak tree to represent Laxton, Saltmarshe, Cotness and Metham respectively.

Resolved – A logo competition would be included in the next village newsletter, and ideas used as the basis for design work for a logo.

101/22 WILD VERGE PLANTING – ERYC had advised that verges could be left uncut if the Parish Council wanted to develop some wild verges, as long as they were not at junctions or restricted the view of the highway.

Resolved – Councillor Watson would investigate the process of establishing wild verges.

102/22 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – Resolved** – a) that the Parish Council notes the payments made since the last meeting:

- i. Notice Board Company - £766.80
- ii. ERNLLCA, Good Councillor Training - £48
- iii. ERYC Supplies, Supplies - £19.80
- iv. Rachkams, Internal Audit - £258

and approved the following accounts for payment:

- i. HMRC, PAYE - £66.40
- ii. Clerk – Salary - £100.32

103/22 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Resolved** – that promotion of FloodRe insurance, and use of the COVID recovery grant, would be discussed at the next meeting at 7pm on the 24th August.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Action	Status	Lead	Update
Check status of the Cotness Footbridge Bridge.	Ongoing	Clerk	23/6 – ERYC provided options to the landowners for consideration. -14/10 update - Landowners have responded back this week. ERYC now to assess comments and make decision on way forward. ERYC to update when something substantial to report back. 18/02 - ERYC confirmed no further update.
Check expected repair time of bridge at Skelton footpath.	Ongoing	Clerk	23/6 - Badger Sett holding up works. 14/10 update - New bridge required, but badger sett underneath the footings and the placement site and so consultation with Natural England required / underway. Due to this, and the size of the bridge required, likely to be into 2022/23 before replacement can be made. 18/02 - ERYC confirmed no further update.
The Clerk had contacted Northern Powergrid for an update on their proposals to move the pole at Cotness Corner.	Ongoing	Clerk	NPG confirmed that the works will take place in the first quarter of 2022. Chased Up - 21 April. Confirmation that message received and NPG looking into. NPG - Work expected to take place this year after harvest.
Clerk to arrange site visit by Playground Company at Parish Allotments.	Ongoing	Clerk	Agreed to advise community of suitability of land, and invite interest in a group to raise funds and progress. In meantime, to continue as previously agreed and to consider dedicated beds for communal / children planting. 2 expressions of interest received. Clerk to write directly to three other residents. No update - clerk pick up after Audit time.
Clerk to request ERYC carry out speed survey on Front Street	Ongoing	Clerk	Confirmed that a traffic survey will take place in 2022. Due to unprecedented demand, this could slip into 2023.
Clerk to report lack of road edge markings on Trandy Lane / Skelton Broad Lane	Ongoing	Clerk	ERYC have agreed to install the road markings - these will be added to the yearly schedule so may take some time to complete.
Ask ERYC to renew "slow" road marking near to station.	Ongoing		Reported to ERYC - 19 February 2022.
Submit a claim to the Goole Fields Wind Farm to replace the damaged noticeboard.	Ongoing		Claim submitted to Sixpenny Wood to match the Kilpin Claim. Claim approved. Noticeboard arrived.
Clerk to ask Drainage Board for a position on the unmaintained drain from St Peters to Cotness Corner.	Ongoing	Clerk	Drainage Board indicated that they have no records of maintaining the drain, and that a business case would need to be submitted for their consideration. Clerk written to IDB/ERYC to discuss further. Further pictures have been sent to the IDB and to ERYC. IDB confirm they do not maintain the drain. Blockage issue reported to ERYC highways, who have agreed to survey all village drainage systems with camera later in year.
Investigate whether there is a free daffodil planting scheme.	Ongoing	Cllr Watson	Councillor Watson to consider options for wild verge planting
Jubilee photos / memory cards	Ongoing	Clerk / Cllr Watson	order two canvases and a commemorative album to be kept at the Bricklayer's Arms, and further two canvases would be order for the Village Hall, subject to approval from the committee. Clerk and Councillor Watson would investigate options for the memory cards.
Repaint the Beacon	Ongoing	Cllr Yarrow	Ask whether Mick would be happy to repaint.
Goole Wind Farm Application	Ongoing	Clerk	Submitted for 2 benches and a picnic table
Parish Logo	Ongoing	Clerk	Competition as part of village newsletter

Laxton Parish Council Correspondence Record

27 July to 15 August 2022

Date Received	Attached?	From	Purpose of Correspondence
9 August 2022	Y	Humberside Police	Newsletter
8 August	Y	ERNLCCA	<p>Civility and Respect Project. By signing the pledge, your council is agreeing that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles, and it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff • Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors • Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy • Will seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise • Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens • Will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model/champion council • Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support civility and respect, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate
5 August	N	ERYC	Approval of Planning Permission for repairs and roof lift, Manor House, Station Road
5 August	N	ERYC	Advising of increase in cost of street lighting SLA due to rising electricity costs



Date Received	Attached?	From	Purpose of Correspondence
2 nd August	N	EY Community Transport	Asking for support in promoting the Goole Medibus
2 August	N	ERYC	Residents consultation on the ERYC Climate Change Strategy (responses by 25 September) Take part in the draft Climate Change Strategy survey here.

CIVILITY AND RESPECT PROJECT



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

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SIGN UP TO THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

It is evident the vast majority of councillors and officers want to maintain the highest standards of conduct at their council, but unfortunately there are still too many examples of poor behaviour across our sector.

In councils where councillors, the clerk, and staff work in harmony, considerable benefits are provided for the local community and there are many excellent examples of this.

Unfortunately, as we know only too well in our sector there is, and has been a problem with lack of civility and respect in some councils, leading to bullying and harassment. Although this is in the minority it is nonetheless significant and can have a serious detrimental impact on the well-being of those involved, the functionality and finances of the council, as well as the local community.

There is no place for bullying, harassment, and intimidation within our sector and signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge is one of the ways a council can demonstrate that it is committed to standing up to poor behaviour across our sector, and to demonstrate positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct.

By signing the pledge, your council is agreeing that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles, and it:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy
- Will seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model/champion council
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support civility and respect, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate

We invite all councils to include an agenda item to review the statements and sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. Click to take the pledge: [SLCC](#) | [NALC](#).

There is also an [example agenda item for the pledge to assist you](#).



WELCOME TO THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PROJECT NEWSLETTER

PROJECT UPDATE

We have started to deliver against the objectives set out at the start of the project.

There is now a bespoke training offering to support you, enhance your skills and confidence to handle incivility, disrespect, and poor behaviour. We are also delighted to announce the launch of 'The Pledge' to help your council encourage the right behaviours, stamp out bullying, and demonstrate high standards of conduct.

We are inviting all councils to please take the pledge.



CIVILITY AND RESPECT TRAINING



One of the key aims of the project is to deliver training packages to support councillors, clerks, and employees who are experiencing difficulties with bullying and harassment. We have worked with key partners to create a brand-new series of workshops and are delighted to share the first range of this training with you. The cost for attendance will be supplemented by the project, with a 50% discount being offered until the end of 2022. If we have a high demand for places, we will schedule additional dates (the workshops are delivered virtually).

Breakthrough Communications are experts in the field of training for local councils. They have created a **suite of bespoke workshops and resource packs** for local council clerks, officers, and councillors as part of the Civility and Respect Project.



Each package comprises useful guides and custom-designed toolkits as well as access to on-demand and live virtual training events.

Separate packages have been designed for clerks/officers and councillors, click on the titles below to book your place.

****Resilience and Emotional Intelligence - What it means in practice for clerks and council officers****

Delegate fee £30

The learning content, live workshop, and toolkits will enable participants to develop a better understanding of where our behaviour comes from, consider what resilience means for us in the context of our different local council roles, and will provide an opportunity to explore role-focused scenarios and how we might respond to those different scenarios. We'll consider strategies to manage and deal with different situations effectively, and provide guidelines and suggestions, based on worked-through scenarios. We'll also lead the user through a set of exercises, input, and self-reflection, as well as providing a useful resource pack for building your own resilience and emotional intelligence.

****Leadership in Challenging Situations - Dealing with challenging situations and working with others effectively****

Delegate fee £30

The learning content, live workshop, and toolkits will enable participants to deal with a range of role-focused challenging situations, as well as exploring how we can work with others more effectively. We will consider different leadership styles and approaches in the context of your role, exploring which styles we personally 'default' to and which styles can work effectively for different situations. We will explore scenarios of challenging situations we might face, and discuss how we might deal with these effectively and appropriately. We'll also consider how to build, support, and get the most from an effective and motivated team.

****Respectful Social Media — How to deal with attacks and negative engagement****

Delegate fee £30

The learning content, live workshop, and toolkits will enable participants to explore different methods and strategies for dealing with negative attacks on social media and ways in which you can keep control of social media output. We will consider how we come across on social media as councils, as well as individually, what our personal 'digital tone of voice' sounds like, explore our use of language and its role in positive two-way communication, as well as discussing the type of content we can post on social media depending on our role. For councillors, we will provide suggested social media dos and don'ts and how to be effective on social media, whilst bearing in mind issues around the Code of Conduct. For clerks and officers will explore how the council can de-mystify the role of the council and showcase its people in order to help pre-emptively deal with negative engagement and attacks.

Personal development themed comedian, intuitive catalyst, speaker, author and communications specialist, Becky Walsh has been turning the dry world of self-development on its head with a down-to-earth, uniquely funny style for over two decades. She has created these civility and respect themed webinars to support some of the key issues faced by our sector.



****Civility and respect — Uncovering the issues for the public sector****

Delegate fee £15

Condescending comments, demeaning emails, disrupting meetings, reprimanding someone publicly, talking behind someone's back, giving someone the silent treatment, not giving credit where credit is due, rolling eyes, and being yelled at, is a regular occurrence for many councils. In this webinar, we talk about the issues we face in our council roles. We will then talk about the impact this has on the individuals involved and the organisation as a whole.

Each of the webinars will give real situation scenarios and what to do in each of them.

Councillors only session - 12 September 2022 — 1.30 pm (60 minutes)

To register a place, clerks please email sue@haptc.org.uk, copying in your councillor delegate(s).

Clerks only session - 8 September 2022 — 11am (60 minutes) **SLCC | Uncovering the issues for public sector.**

****What makes people become challenging?****

Delegate fee £15

In this webinar, we dive into human psychology, neuroscience, and power dynamics. What triggers people to behave from the worst of themselves? How as leaders can we create environments with fewer trigger situations and more safety? We will discuss real-life situations and how to turn them around when they start to get out of hand.

Each of the webinars will give real situation scenarios and what to do in each of them.

Councillors only session - 26 September 2022 — 1.30 pm (60 minutes)

To register a place, clerks please email sue@haptc.org.uk, copying in your councillor delegate(s).

Clerks only session - 22 September 2022 – 11am (60 minutes) **SLCC | What makes people become challenging?**

****Personal resilience and self-protection****

Delegate fee £15

Having a good understanding of yourself means you'll know what to do when someone tries to push your buttons. In this webinar, we discuss emotional resilience and emotional intelligence and how this applies to specific council situations.

Each of the webinars will give real situation scenarios and what to do in each of them.

Councillors only session - 3 October 2022 — 1.30 pm (60 minutes)

To register a place, clerks please email sue@haptc.org.uk, copying in your councillor delegate(s).

Clerks only session - 6 October 2022 – 11am (60 minutes) **SLCC | Personal resilience and self-protection.**

****Understanding psychopathic and narcissistic behaviour****

Delegate fee £15

Both psychopathic and narcissistic people generally lack empathy and tend to have unrealistically high opinions of themselves. They often exploit and manipulate others and can be hard to spot as they can also be superficially charming. They are also attracted to roles of power and are often found in leadership positions and in political roles. In this webinar, we learn how to spot them and how to monitor your own behaviour to lessen their impact on you and your organisation.

Each of the webinars will give real situation scenarios and what to do in each of them.

Councillors only session - 17 October 2022 — 1.30 pm (60 minutes)

To register a place, clerks please email sue@haptc.org.uk, copying in your councillor delegate(s).

Clerks only session - 20 October 2022 — 11am (60 minutes) **SLCC | Understanding psychopathic and narcissistic behaviour.**

Paul Hoey and Natalie Ainscough of Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd are national experts in effective local governance with a particular emphasis on supporting the local standards framework for members introduced by the Localism Act 2011. They worked with the Local Government Association (LGA) to produce the latest Code of Conduct and so are uniquely placed to deliver this workshop.

Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd
Supporting Local Governance

****The (New) Code of Conduct****

Delegate fee £15

This session is aimed at members and officers of local councils who have adopted the new Local Government Association (LGA) Code of Conduct for members (as endorsed by NALC and SLCC) or who are considering adopting it. It will look at key aspects of the code, the practical implications of working with it and look at the guidance which sits alongside it.

This is an interactive session where attendees will be invited to ask questions about any aspect of the code, as the session aims to help people understand how to effectively implement the code at a local level.

Councillors only session - 19 October 2022 — 7 pm (120 minutes)

To register a place, clerks please email sue@haptc.org.uk, copying in your councillor delegate(s).

Clerks only session - 28 September 2022 – 10am (120 minutes) **SLCC | The New Code of Conduct.**

For more information about the training available, please contact michelle.moss@nalc.gov.uk.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE

Develop your career, support your council and strengthen your community

In addition to the civility and respect training programme we're pleased to be able to share details of an event being run by the year six students studying the community governance degree, De Montfort University.

****Managing conflict and difficult conversations****

Delegate fee - £90

The training specifically covers conflict management; a thread of management essential to the clerking industry given the depth and breadth of communications and dealings clerks have with other people and organisations.

The event will be led by Sue Noble from www.noblelearning.co.uk, a highly experienced coach and mentor who has extensive experience in the local government sector and training staff from town and parish councils.

It will be an interactive event, enabling attendees to actively learn new coping skills and mechanisms, whilst building relationships with other professionals in the town and parish sector.

At the end of the formal training session, there will be an opportunity to network with colleagues and hear about further training opportunities, whilst sampling delicious wines from Oaken Grove.

For clerks only - 14th September 2022 | Henley Town Hall, Henley on Thames, RG9 2A | [SLCC](#) | **Managing Conflict and Difficult Conversations**.

DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY

One of the project objectives is to strengthen the governance arrangements across our sector to better support councils.

The Dignity at Work Policy is the first of a series of new or revised governance documents which are being developed by the project team.

The documents have been reviewed by a focus group made up of clerks, councillors, monitoring officers, and county associations, and approved by NALC and SLCC for use.

The Dignity at Work Policy will replace any previous Bullying and Harassment Policy. It encompasses behaviours beyond bullying and harassment, and zero tolerance, with the aim of dealing with concerns before they escalate.

It has been produced with supporting guidance because it is so important that any commitment made in the policy is applied in practice.

Wording has been suggested to demonstrate a council's commitment to promoting dignity and respect where they have signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

Councils who have not signed up to this are requested to consider making this pledge which is based on basic behaviours and expectations of all council representatives to create workplaces that allow people to maintain their dignity at all times.

Dignity at Work Policy



Please visit our dedicated civility and respect pages for lots more information and support

[SLCC](#) | [Civility and Respect Project](#) and
[NALC](#) | [Civility and Respect Project](#)



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Parish/Town News Release

Howdenshire - Update for August 2022

1. Crime and ASB

You can obtain Crime and ASB data for your own area by visiting www.police.uk, clicking on "whats happening in your area" and entering your postcode.

2. Crime issues of particular note

The following list shows some of the crimes that have occurred in the previous month in your area:

- Entry was gained into a secure van parked on a driveway at a property in Gilberdyke, the steering column was then removed and wiring damaged. The suspects were then disturbed by the owner and fled.
- A vehicle has been damaged as the result of an object been thrown at it.

3. Community Priorities.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team meets regularly with partners to ensure we have a multi-agency approach to local issues, individuals and problem solving. These meetings are attended by local partners, including Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Youth and Family Support, Housing Officers, Environmental Health and the East Riding Anti-Social Behaviour Team, among others. We share information and resources to deal with local neighbourhood issues, in particular, those identified as causing the most harm in the community. We also continue to patrol the Howdenshire areas during our shifts.

4. Crime Reduction Advice

YOUR HOME – KEEP IT SAFE.

Burglary is by and large an opportunistic crime, with burglars looking for a home that gives them the easiest way of committing their crime undetected and with the fewest obstacles to negotiate. In many cases burglars do not need to use any force to gain entry which can be achieved via an insecure window or door. So how can you keep your home and property safe?

- **Going on Holiday**

If you are going away remember to cancel the milk or newspapers.

Don't make it obvious to burglars you are away; leave your curtains or blinds open – nothing reveals that a house is unoccupied so much as curtains drawn during the day. If possible, ask a trusted neighbour to close your curtains in the evening.

If you don't already have any, then consider getting timer switches and setting your lights both downstairs and upstairs to come on at different times throughout the day/evening.

Again a trusted neighbour collecting your post and possibly parking their car on your drive, whilst you are away will add to your security.

Don't talk about your planned holiday on social media – you don't know who may be reading your comments or who they might tell.

Keep your valuables safe, out of sight and don't leave them where they can be seen through a window. If you conceal valuables in your home, avoid obvious hiding places such as your sock drawer or in a fake food can in the kitchen – burglars are wise to this trick.

Given that most burglars are opportunists and their motive is generally to get in, get something of value and then get out as fast as possible, your intruder might be encouraged to leave after finding a fake hoard rather than turning your house upside down to find anything of real value



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Parish/Town News Release

- **Security around the home**

Make your home looks occupied by leaving a radio on or a light on a timer switch to make the house sound and look as if someone is at home, even if you are out.

Never leave your spare keys in a hiding place such as under a doormat, in a flowerpot or inside a letterbox.

Make sure you use a burglar alarm (if you have one) every time you leave the house. Don't leave valuables on view or on window sills and keep your car keys hidden out of sight - consider taking them up to bed with you at night. If you conceal valuables in your home, avoid obvious hiding places such as your sock drawer or in the bottom of a wardrobe.

If your property is stolen make sure you can describe it to the Police by keeping a record and photographs of makes, models and unique serial numbers etc. You can also register all your details onto WWW.immobilise.com. This is a web-based property records system, endorsed and searchable by all UK Police Forces and secondhand dealers.

- **Security in the garden**

Security of gardens and outbuilding buildings is often not your first thought. However, by making a few modifications sheds and garages, along with the equipment stored in them can be made more secure:

Make sure sheds and garages have good quality lock and hinges.

Consider fitting deterrents in the garden like movement sensitive floodlights as these will leave thieves feeling exposed. Likewise alarms on sheds and garages will deter thieves as they would not want to be spotted in out buildings taking property.

Garden tools, DIY equipment and leisure items such as fishing and golf equipment should be locked away in storage cupboards within outbuildings to form a second line of defence to thieves.

Motorbike and pedal cycles should also be locked even when they are in a shed or garage.

As well as protecting property in sheds and garages people can also stop thieves stealing plants by using heavy plant pots which will be less desirable to walk off with and ensure that unused garden furniture and tools are stored securely out of sight.

5. Stay informed

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#):

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire> Facebook – Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West

Twitter - Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West - @Humberbeat_ERYW.

For incidents that don't require an immediate response call our non-emergency 101 line. You can also report [non-emergency crimes online](#) via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.

LAXTON PARISH NEWS

Platinum Jubilee

It was great to see so many people at the Jubilee celebrations, we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you very much indeed to everyone who took part, and those involved in making it happen.



Parish Council Logo Competition

We would like your help in creating a logo for the Parish Council! We're running a competition that's open to all to enter, and we would love to see your ideas for a logo that could be used on our website, Facebook page and letterheads. We think that the logo should represent the area as a whole, or the communities of Laxton, Saltmarshe, Metham and Cotness, but we're open to suggestions! We're offering a £25 Amazon gift voucher for the winning entry! Please email to laxtonpc@btinternet.com by the 28th September.

Electricity Essential Users Scheme

If you need extra advice and support during power cut due to medical or personal circumstances, sign up to the Northern PowerGrid priority user scheme on 0800 011 3332 or visit <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/care>.



Need help getting to a medical appointment?

The Medibus service is available to anyone living in the East Riding of Yorkshire. They provide friendly, door to door, accessible transport for those who need to attend medical appointments at hospitals, doctor's surgeries and clinics. Call 03456 445959.



Laxton Parish Council

If there is anything you would like to raise with us about life in the village, please get in touch or join us on the fourth Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm in the Village Hall. You can email the Parish Council on laxtonpc@btinternet.com.

New Road Signs

Residents reported concerns that delivery drivers were approaching Jubilee Avenue too fast from Back Street, causing a risk to dog walkers and other pedestrians. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has agreed to install junction warning signs on the approach. The Council has also agreed to carry out a speed survey on Chapel Lane, but have not provided a date for when this will take place. If anyone is interested in joining a voluntary speed watch group, using a speed camera to help discourage speeding vehicles, please let us know.

Laxton Jubilee Gardens

There have been number of vacancies on the Parish Allotments for a little while now, and so the Parish Council and community volunteers have been busy clearing one end so it can be converted into a grassed area that can enjoyed by everyone. We've put in a bid to the Goole Fields Wind Farm for a picnic table and some benches and hope to hear back on that soon. There is still some work to be done, but we will let you know when it's ready. Many thanks to the people that have helped out. And if anyone would like to rent an allotment, please get in touch!

FloodRe **FLOODRE**

FloodRe is a government scheme that makes flood cover more widely available and affordable as part of your home insurance. It's not provided by all insurers, and not always available on comparison sites. You can find more information at www.floodre.co.uk.

No Cold Calling Zone

Laxton Village is a "no cold calling zone", so you shouldn't get an unexpected knock on the door from people trying to sell things. If anyone does cold call, please try and take a leaflet or card before you tell them that you're not interested. If you send the details to the Parish Council, we can report the business to ERYC.



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Accounts for Payment

August 2022

Payments made to be noted

Payee	Details	Total	VAT
Wold Skip	Skip Hire	240	40
B Clarke	Allotment Expenses	£29.06	
Cartridge Save	Ink Cartridges	70.48	11.75

Payments to be Authorised

Payee	Details	Total	VAT
HMRC	PAYE	66.40	
Alan Bravey	Salary	100.32	